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Communities Against Terrorism

Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Internet Café

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

People Who:

- Are overly concerned about privacy, attempts to shield the screen from view of others
- Always pay cash or use credit card(s) in different name(s)
- Apparently use tradecraft: lookout, blocker or someone to distract employees
- Act nervous or suspicious behavior inconsistent with activities
- Are observed switching SIM cards in cell phone or use of multiple cell phones
- Travel illogical distance to use Internet Café

Activities on Computer indicate:

- Evidence of a residential based internet provider (signs on to Comcast, AOL, etc.)
- Use of anonymizers, portals, or other means to shield IP address
- Suspicious or coded writings, use of code word sheets, cryptic ledgers, etc.
- Encryption or use of software to hide encrypted data in digital photos, etc.
- Suspicious communications using VOIP or communicating through a PC game

Use Computers to:

- Download content of extreme/radical nature with violent themes
- Gather information about vulnerable infrastructure or obtain photos, maps or diagrams of transportation, sporting venues, or populated locations
- Purchase chemicals, acids, hydrogen peroxide, acetone, fertilizer, etc.
- Download or transfer files with "how-to" content such as:
 - Content of extreme/radical nature with violent themes
 - Anarchist Cookbook, explosives or weapons information
 - Military tactics, equipment manuals, chemical or biological information
 - Terrorist/revolutionary literature
 - Preoccupation with press coverage of terrorist attacks
 - Defensive tactics, police or government information
 - Information about timers, electronics, or remote transmitters / receivers

It is important to remember that just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different; it does not mean that he or she is suspicious.

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What Should I Do?

Be part of the solution.

- ✓ Gather information about individuals without drawing attention to yourself
- ✓ Identify license plates, vehicle description, names used, languages spoken, ethnicity, etc.
- ✓ Do not collect metadata, content, or search electronic communications of individuals
- ✓ Do not do additional logging of on-line activity or monitor communications
- ✓ **If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.**

Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.

Preventing terrorism is a community effort. By learning what to look for, you can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. **The partnership between the community and law enforcement is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.**

Some of the activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined on this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.

